

Fee Statement

Compared to the initial filing, the number of independent claims has remained the same and the total number of claims has remained the same. Accordingly, Applicant believes no fees are due for the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If fees are due, however, please charge our deposit account (Account No. 03-1130).

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 1-32 presented for consideration herein. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Dated this 7nd day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted:



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